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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re CPA application of:)
Applicant: MANFRÉ *et al.*)
Ser. No.: 09/533,215) Group Art Unit: 2872
Filed: March 23, 2000) Examiner: SHAFER, R
For: Vehicle Rear-View Mirror with Viewing)
Angle and Reduced Image Distortion)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir,

CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION UNDER 37CFR 1.53(d)

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03/20/02 09533215 This is a request for a continued prosecution continuation application under 37

CFR § 1.53(d) of:

Pending Prior Application Ser. No.: 09/533,215;

Filed: March 23, 2000;

Entitled: Vehicle Rear-View Mirror with Viewing Angle and Reduced Image
Distortion;

Prior Application Examiner: SHAFER, R;

Art Unit: 2872.

The prior application is the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371 and filed on or after June 8, 1995, in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.53(d)(1)(i).

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A Notice of Appeal has been filed on November 19, 2001 in the prior application, from the decision dated July 13, 2001 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claim 1-9. A request for extension of the shortened statutory period of the prior application is herewith enclosed, and therefore such prior application is still pending, for the purposes of the filing of the present continued prosecution application.

The present request for a continued prosecution continuation application is accordingly being filed before payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings, in the prior application, in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.53(d)(1)(ii).

The present request for a continued prosecution continuation application is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the present request, in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.53(d)(2)(v).

In compliance with 37 CFR § 1.53(d)(2)(iii), the inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application is the same inventors named in the prior application, namely:

MANFRÉ, Giovanni, Citizen of ITALY,
residing in CALDIERO, ITALY; and
LOCATELLI, Mario, Citizen of ITALY,
residing in MOZZO, ITALY.

Please enter the unentered amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on November 19, 2001 in the prior application.

The filing fee for this continued prosecution application, calculated in the enclosed Deposit Account order, has been based upon the claims remaining after entry of such amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.53(d)(3).

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A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.9 and § 1.27 was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR § 1.28(a)(2)).

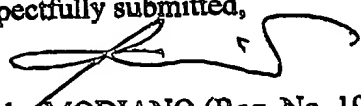
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Please mark the Ser. No. and the filing date of this application on the enclosed self-addressed return card.

Please mark on the file wrapper that all correspondence for this application should be marked with an AIR MAIL label or stamp, since applicant and his agent are residing overseas as has been established by the current practice on instructions from the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

Respectfully submitted,


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Encl.: - PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136
- Deposit Account order